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Dedication

To the John Jakob Raskob Family

To Mr. and Mrs. John Jakob Raskob of Centreville, Maryland, and their children—John Jakob, Jr., Helena Mary, Elizabeth Ann, Robert Pierre, Margaret Lucy, Josephine Juniata, Nina Barbara, Patsy Virginia, Mary Louise, and Benjamin—we dedicate the PATIO of 1938.

Mr. Raskob is a living example of what America offers to earnest and determined young men in the business world. Mrs. Raskob typifies the home-loving mother. The large family of thirteen children, three of whom, William, Inez, and Catharine, are deceased, represent on the maternal side the ninth generation of American citizens.

Where it not for this family's exemplary liberality the beautiful estate and home on the Delaware River would not have become the site of a Catholic institution of secondary education.

No doubt their thoughts often return to Archmere where they lived for so many years. With sincere gratitude, then, and heartfelt appreciation, we offer the Raskob family this small memento and token of the years 1937-1938 at Archmere Preparatory School.

ARCHMERE AND DELAWARE HISTORY

Since very important anniversaries have been celebrated in Delaware during the past school year, it is extremely fitting that we recall and relate their historical significance and at the same time tell the story of the beautiful estate and home which Mr. John J. Raskob established and which has now become Archmere Preparatory School for Boys. We will draw our material from the Raskob-Green Record Book and encyclopedias.

Before the coming of the white man, the fertile and verdant lands of northern Delaware and southern Pennsylvania along the Delaware were the hunting-grounds of the Leni-Lenape Indians. They were of Algonquin stock and their name signifies "real men." Evidence of their mode of life was found in the spring of 1912. At that time a well-preserved arrow head was turned up when excavations were made for the garden.

The settlement of Delaware has a very interesting and involved history. A Dutch colony at Lewes Creek in 1631 was a complete failure when the Indians massacred the entire settlement. The Dutch claim to the territory was based on Henry Hudson's voyage of discovery in 1609. Three hundred years ago this June, in 1638, two ships carrying some fifty Swedish emigrants entered Delaware Bay and chose the present site of Wilmington for their new home. The colony was called "Nova Suedia" and a Fort Christina, named in honor of their young queen, was built. New Sweden was dominated by the Dutch East India Company and in 1664, along with New Amsterdam (now New York), fell into the hands of the English.

For many years the territory of Delaware was claimed both by Lord Baltimore, "leader of the Maryland Pilgrims" and by William Penn. Mrs. Raskob is a direct descendant of a passenger on Governor Leonard Calvert's ship, the *Ark*, in 1634. Thomas Greene, the ancestor we speak of, became the second Governor of the Province of Maryland in 1647. Mason and Dixon, the famous surveyors, settled the boundary controversy when they laid the east and south lines of the "Three Counties."

The Lenape Indians made their first treaty with William Penn at Shackamazon in 1682. His grant of land extended somewhat south of Newcastle, Del. What is today Claymont was originally in Penn's Woods. According to historical documents William Penn's son and grandson, Thomas and William, were his heirs and successors. In 1720 they surveyed the land between Naaman's Creek and the Old Plantation (near Holly Oak), and between the King's Road—the present Lincoln Highway—and the Delaware River. This tract was sold to Joseph Grubb, John Buckley, and Benjamin Moulden. The land assigned to Mr. Grubb and his heirs contained the present Archmere.

Turning now to the national scene, we find that Delaware's existence as a sovereign state, distinct from Pennsylvania, came about by charter on October 28, 1701. Seventy-five years later the state constitution was framed. In the same century the most stirring events in our nation's history was taking place—the Declaration of



THE MAIN BUILDING

"... a visitor once inside the gates, and especially one who has traveled in Italy and Florence, would at once note the resemblance of the porte-cochere to the one which stands before the Pazzi Chapel."

Raskob-Green Record Book.

Independence, the Revolutionary War, the Critical Period, and the adoption of the Constitution. In May, 1787, the Constitutional Convention met at Independence Hall to consider the formation of the United States. On December 7, 1787, the State of Delaware led the way in ratifying the notable document which is the foundation of American Democracy.

During these momentous events the land which is now Archmere changed hands several times, until in 1872 it was bought by Mr. George M. Troutman. He was the first to call it Archmere, in reference to the natural arch formed by an opening in the grove. It affords a beautiful view across the Pennsylvania Railroad, the Delaware River, to the distant shores of New Jersey. As one gazes through the arch he may see one of the speedy electric express trains, which run between New York and Washington, or, on the river, an ocean-going freighter plying upstream to the port of Philadelphia.

On August 1, 1910, Mr. John J. Raskob purchased the land along with its large frame mansion from Mr. Troutman's daughter, Mrs. Virginia Smith. The former house stood in the same spot as the present school building.

In drawing up the plans for the new structure it was decided to follow the classic architecture of the Italian Renaissance. As the Raskob-Green Record Book so aptly states, it was to be "a home of Italian architecture with its simplicity of line without, its artistic beauties and homelike atmosphere within, but loveliest of all, its

patio with its shadowed loggias, soothing fountain and arched doorways and windows through which one could see from the road to the river—open like an honest face.” The central court spoken of was to be protected from inclement weather by a brilliantly-colored movable skylight. Mr. Alexander J. Harper of New York City was appointed architect.

The Raskob family lived at Archmere for twenty years. Among the noted guests who visited them were, in 1924, Herr Alois Lang, who held the role of Christ in the Oberammageau Passion Play, and Mr. Alfred E. Smith of New York, at the end of his presidential campaign in 1928. Archmere is the birthplace of most of the Raskob children. In 1930 the family moved to Centreville, Maryland.

The Rt. Rev. B. H. Pennings, Abbot of the Norbertine Order in the United States, arranged with Mr. Raskob for the establishment of Archmere Preparatory School in the spring of 1932. The Very Rev. M. J. McKeough, O. Praem., was appointed Headmaster and on September 14th of that year nineteen students were admitted to classes. The Most Rev. Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, Bishop of the Diocese of Wilmington, presided at impressive dedication ceremonies on Oct. 12th, when the school was placed under the patronage of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception.



THE LIVING ROOM

“Recently I read that every real home should have four rooms, each one contributing to the maintenance of our lives—a dining room, to nourish the body, a music room to strengthen the soul, a living room to stimulate the heart, and a library to cultivate the brain.”

Mrs. J. J. Raskob in the “Raskob-Green Record Book.”

The Teaching Staff

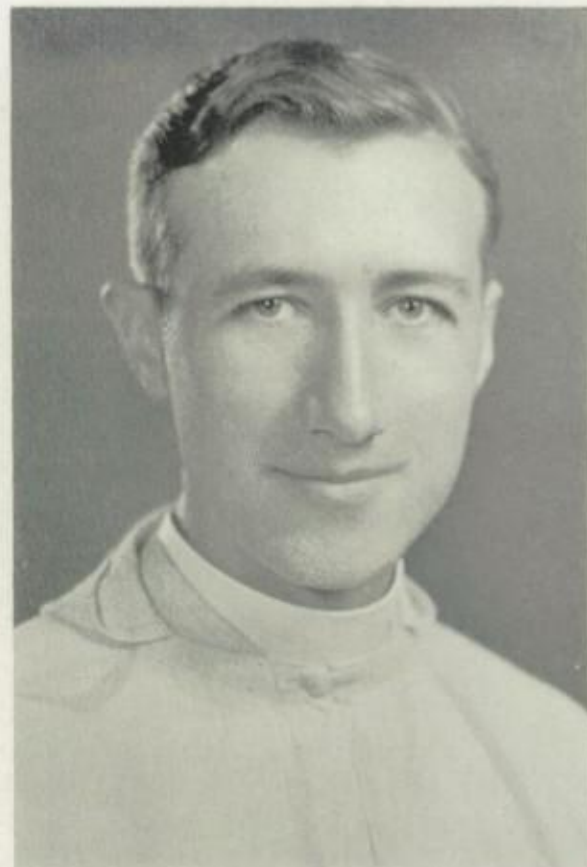


THE VERY REV. DANIEL F. HURLEY, O. PRAEM.

Headmaster of Archmere
Prior of Immaculate Conception Priory



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O. Praem.
*Chemistry, Latin
Director of Athletics*



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O. Praem.
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O. Praem.
Latin, German, Music



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O. Praem.
English, Latin, Registrar



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MR. LEONARD J. FARMER
Science, History, Coach



MR. E. V. O'BRIEN
French, History

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MR. JOHN CABREY
Latin, Assistant Coach



MR. JOHN C. FLECK
English, Mathematics

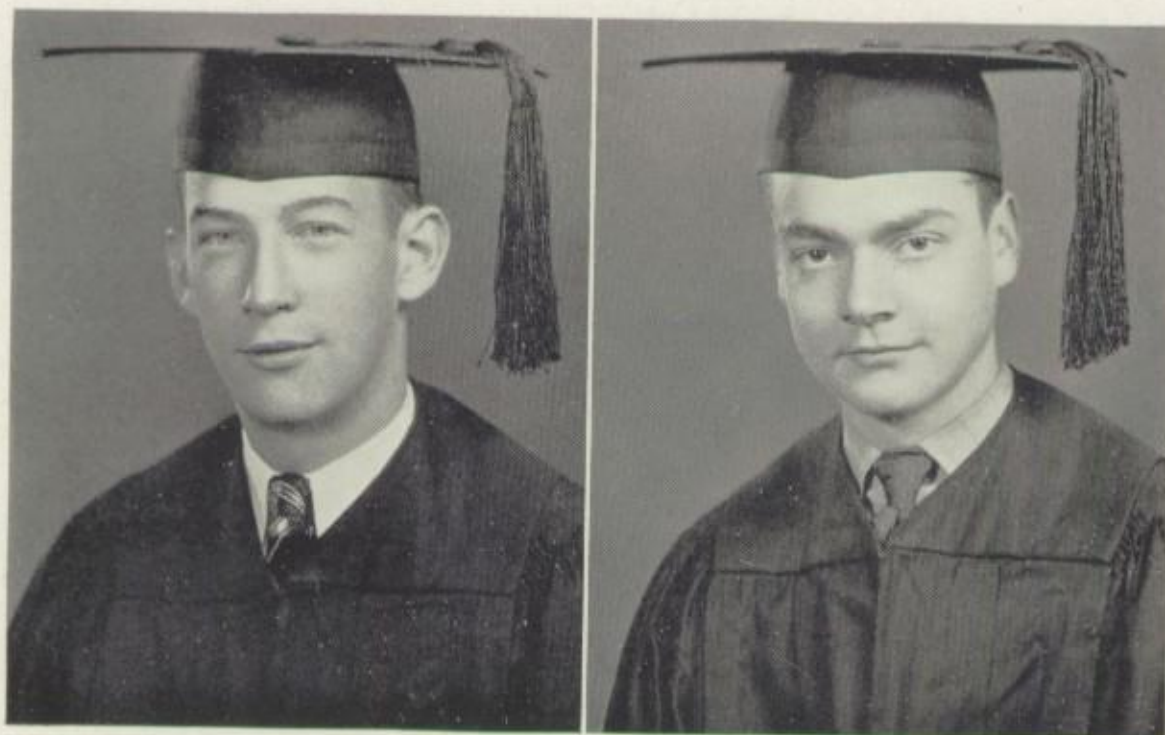




THE PATIO

"On opening the east door into the Patio, our visitor may no doubt, if it be a beautiful, balmy day, stand in silent relaxation; or perchance it may be a beautiful starlight night, with the organ pealing forth the inspiring strains of Handel's 'Largo'."

Raskob-Green Record Book.



WILLIAM THOMAS BAKER

"Bill"

113 Fern Avenue
Collingswood, N. J.

Hobby: Boats

• Arriving in his Junior year from what he views as the major city of the East, Bill soon ingratiated himself with the members of the faculty and the students by means of his cheery smile. Pleasant in personality, Bill was during the past year the successful editor of the Green Arch and though not of a strong literary persuasion, he produced a very good paper. Suffice it to say that Bill has the firmly-rooted reputation of being an all-around good fellow. Another picture of him may be seen among the snapshots on page 47.

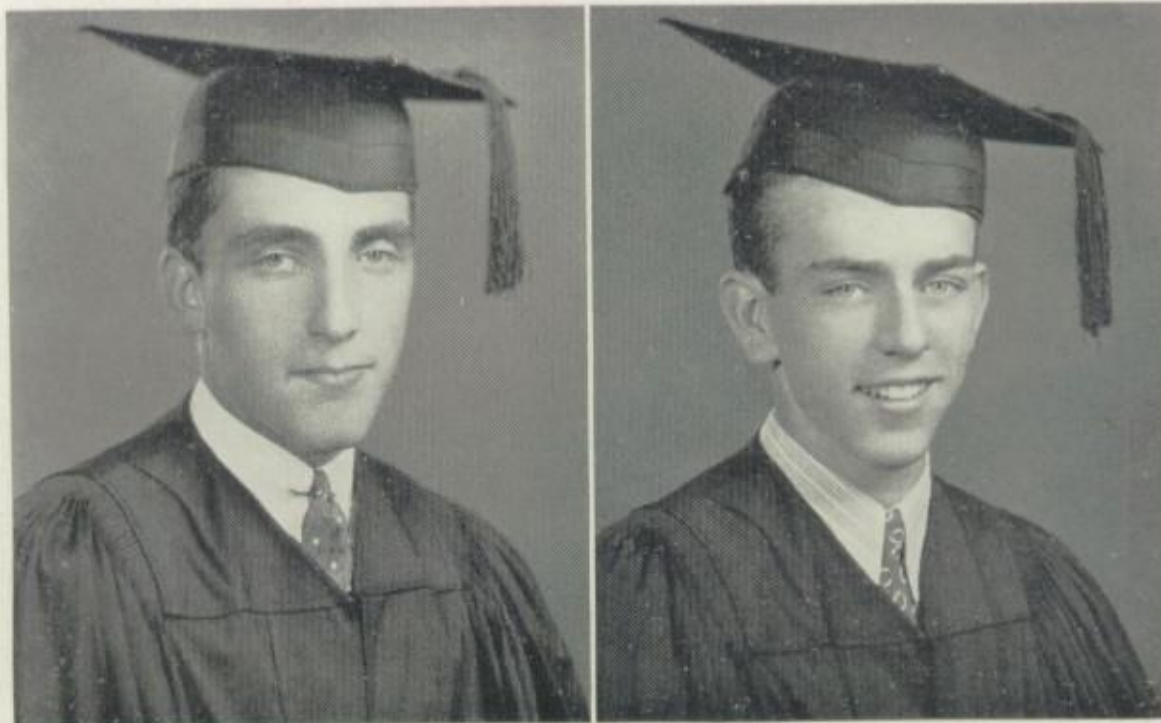
GEORGE PAUL BISHOP

"Bipp"

821 Wellington Road
Baltimore, Md.

Hobby: Photography

• Bipp came to us as a third year man from the sunny south, Baltimore to be exact. After a brief initiation he learned to speak our language. We found that his friendship was hard to gain, but can never be lost once it is acquired. His ideal principle of action is: "Live and let live." As for studies, he says that he would like to know a little about every subject and a lot about one. Science courses—Chemistry and Biology—are his most interesting, and he is fond of travel.



ANTHONY LEO CELESTE

"Tony"

24 Walnut Street

Glen Falls, N. Y.

Hobby: Homework

• Instead of being what his name signifies Tony is a man of the world—practical, dependable, and sociable. When he opens his mouth to speak, all may well listen; if it weren't worth listening to, he wouldn't have said it. All things considered—including his skill on the basketball floor—Tony is a young man of exceptionally fine character. Miss Sweeney will vouch for this statement. The folks in Glen Falls may well be proud of Tony.

CHARLES HOWARD DARRAH

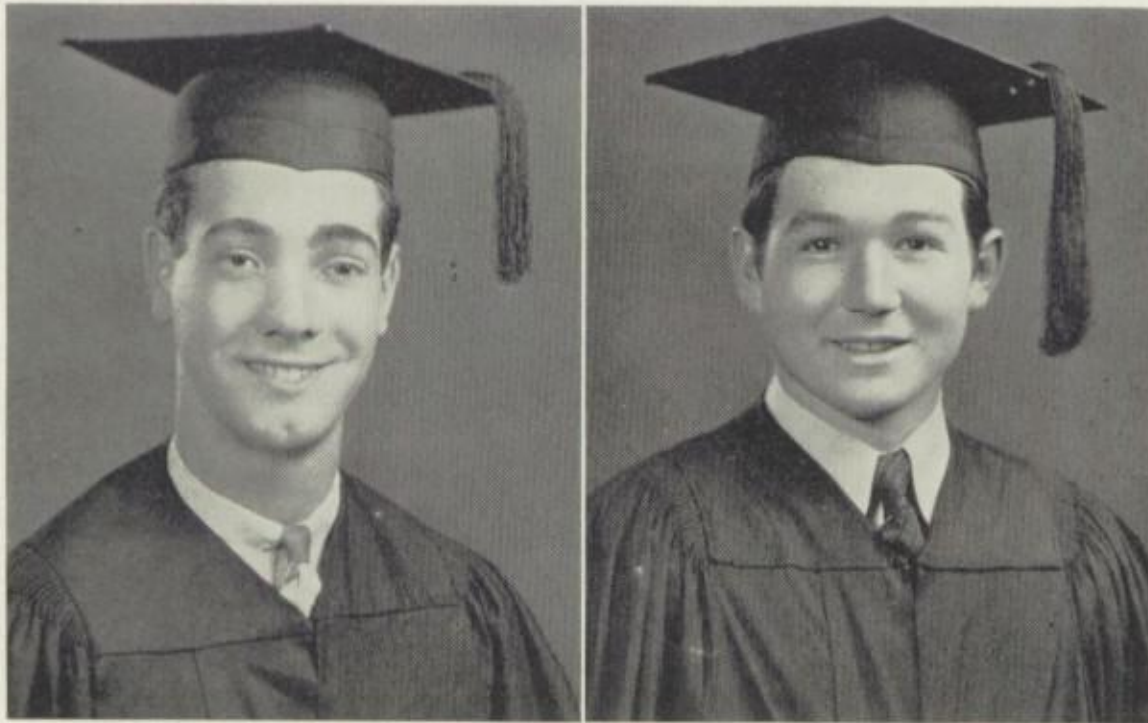
"Charlie"

1332 Market Street

Wilmington, Del.

Hobby: Drawing

• A remarkable thing about Charlie is the fact that even under the strongest competition he has attained the distinction of being regarded as the "Class Wit." His humor is of the infectious type—penetrating and persuasive. Far from being sedate or quiet, he will find it not at all difficult, when he opens a dental office, to apply Cardinal Newman's well-known definition of a gentleman—one who never gives pain. As a scholar he is diligent and studious.



VICTOR
EMMANUEL DeBERARDINIS

"Gump"

1800 Providence Avenue
Chester, Pa.

Hobby: Sculpturing

• Any attempt to summarize Vic's achievements during his prep school career would necessarily read like a movie in technic-color. Also, a record of his mishaps would look like the front page of the Chester Times on July 5th. However, his ability to "come back" even in the face of his unfortunate accident has won his class-mates' sincere admiration and esteem. Endowed with a keen sense of the ridiculous, he quickly grasps the pleasant side of any situation and makes the most of it. For him we predict success.

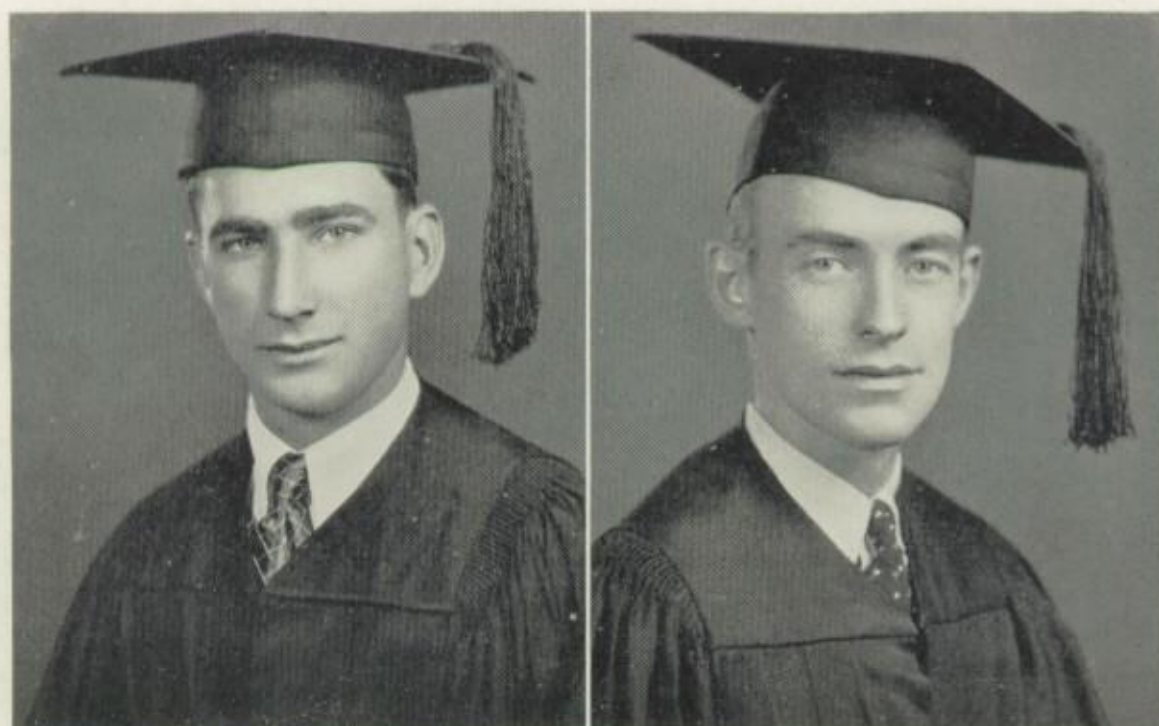
JAMES HUBERT HOUSER

"Tank"

1810 Delaware Avenue
Wilmington, Del.

Hobby: Golf

• Tank is one of those rare individuals who combine devotion to study with prowess in the field of sports. A sturdy athlete, he has taken a very active part in football, baseball, golf, and bowling. Throughout his prep-school days his name has appeared on the Honor Roll consistently. His is a conservative spirit. He makes friends with ready ability and is willing to lend a helping hand. These qualities make him an outstanding member of the class.



ANTHONY JOSEPH JURICH

"Hick"

Dutton Mill Road

Chester, Pa.

Hobby: Collecting money

• "He who works shall succeed" is Hick's motto, and he tries to carry it into effect in every activity. There is a mischievous twinkle in his keen, brown eyes. Is there any wonder, then, that occasionally "Mischievous will out"? His imitations of Tizzie Lisch and various farm animals are superb. Seriously, Hick is as fleet as a deer on the gridiron. We are sorry to see him graduate, but we know he will quickly climb up the ladder of success.

PARKE SMITH MORELAND

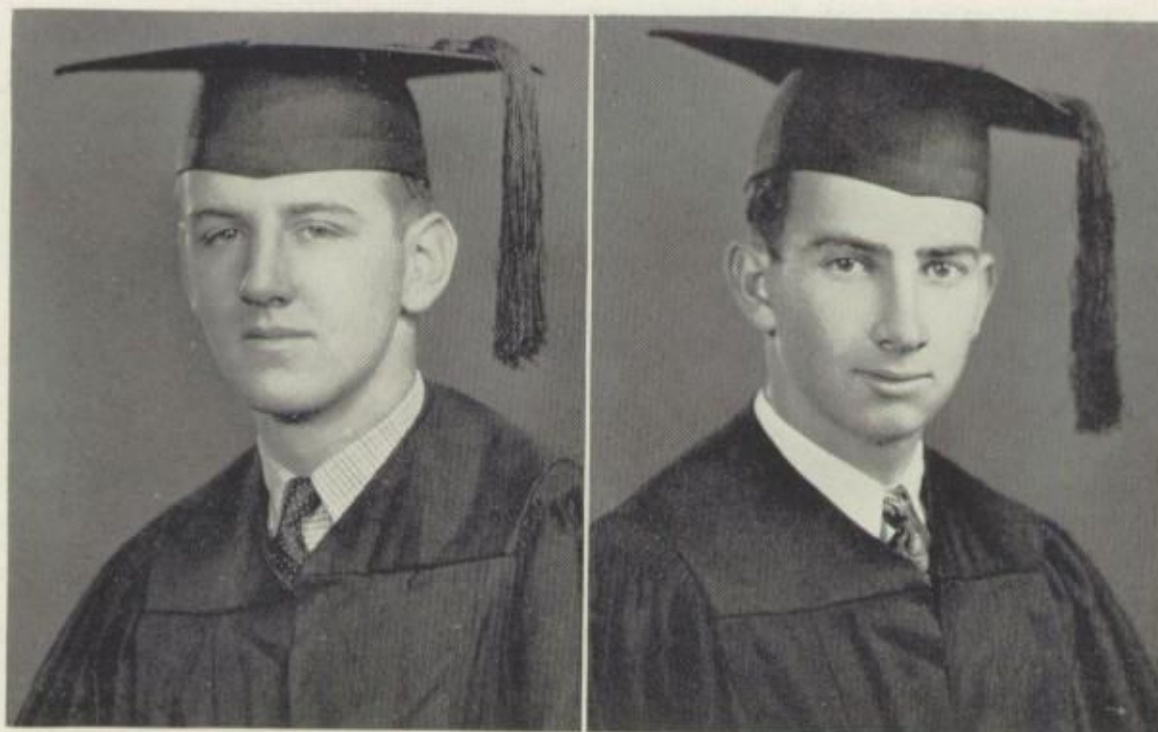
"Bud"

1232 W. Fourth Street

Wilmington, Del.

Hobby: Reading

• Quiet consideration and seriousness are Bud's predominate traits. He hails from Tower Hill School at Wilmington and plans to follow his father in the profession of dentistry. Always willing to oblige, he is never reluctant in doing some favor for his numerous friends. His modest, unassuming manner make him a truly likeable person, and his dogged determination assure us that he will attain the goal for which he so earnestly strives.



ROBERT JOSEPH McGOVERN

"Punchy"

1705 Maryland Avenue

Wilmington, Del.

Hobby: Memorizing poetry

• Loyalty to one's home town is an almost universal virtue, but in Bob, more commonly called Punchy, it is raised to a superlative degree. To him Wilmington is the hub of the universe. He came to Archmere this year from Salesianum. Unlike most of his classmates, his pet dislikes are: going to class and doing his homework. In class his best subject is Mathematics. His proficiency in figures, indicating as it does strong reasoning powers, is amazing.

JOHN DAVID McSWEENEY

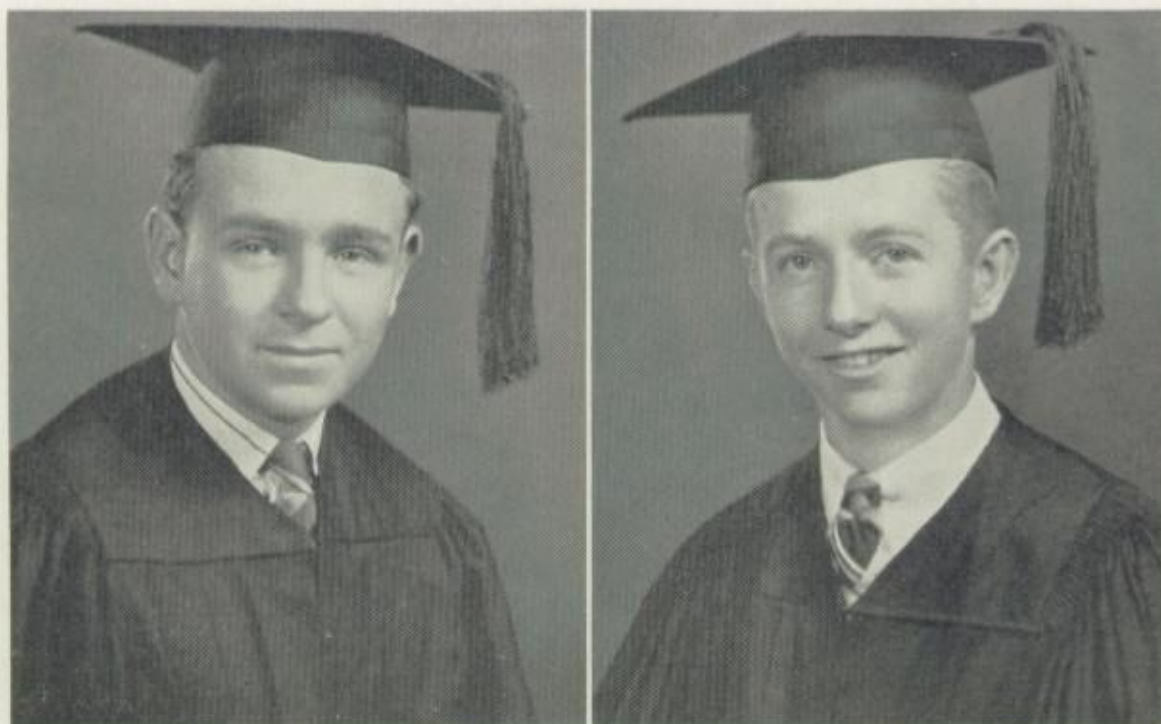
"Mac"

1215 Clover Lane

Chester, Pa.

Hobby: Baseball

• This boy from Chester made his prep-school debut with characteristic quietness, but by virtue of a pleasant personality and a capacity for steady, persistent work soon made his presence felt in several fields of activity. Not only along scholastic lines did he bring his well-tempered abilities to bear upon his work, but in the field of social and campus activities he succeeded both in attaining a high position, and in making many friends. In other words, John has the reputation of being—and decidedly is—a good fellow and a good worker.



JOSEPH ALOYSIUS McCORMICK

"Buster"

101 S. Fairview Avenue

Upper Darby, Pa.

Hobby: Arguing

- All through four hearty years Buster has been the bane of the class with his constant boosting of Ford Motors. Buster will argue on any topic, at any time, just for the sake of argument, and most of the time he will win. As a scholarship man, Joe has more than surpassed the expectations held for him. His many friends and all his classmates feel sure that he will succeed at anything he tackles in the future.

JOSEPH MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN

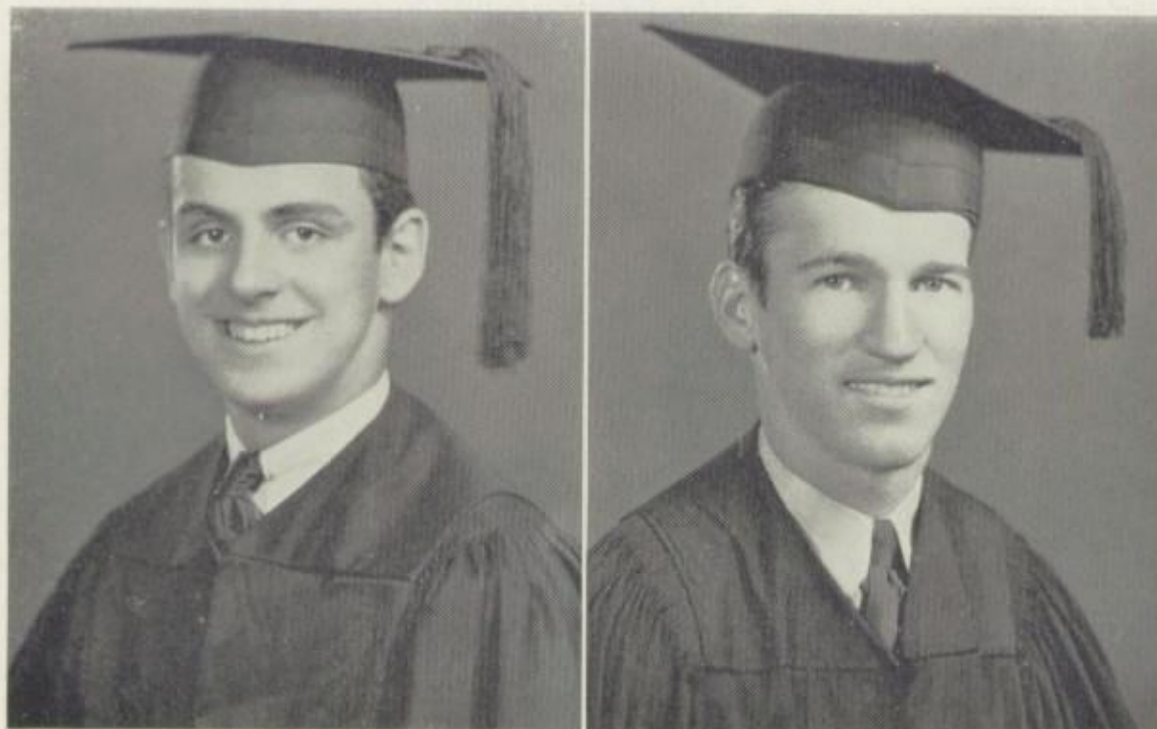
"Joe"

2824 W. 10th Street

Chester, Pa.

Hobby: Reading

- Joe has been, without a doubt, the outstanding student in scholastic attainment in this class of '38. He has built up a most enviable record: during his four years at Archmere his name has never been missing from the first honors list—truly a great achievement. Besides being a hard worker in class, he has displayed his acting ability by participating in several school plays. It is certain that when Joe leaves this June the school will have graduated one of the best students it has ever had or will have.



EDWARD JAMES OAKES

"Muscles"

802 Edgemont Avenue

Chester, Pa.

Hobby: Buffalo

• As a sophomore Ed appeared in our midst and commenced then and there to prove his value as a classmate. His versatility is astounding. As an orator and master of diction he is unexcelled by any student in the learned halls of Archmere. A congenial person, Ed is chiefly esteemed for his ready wit and humor. His ability to make one laugh will endear him for all time in the hearts of his chums.

MICHAEL DAVID O'CONNOR

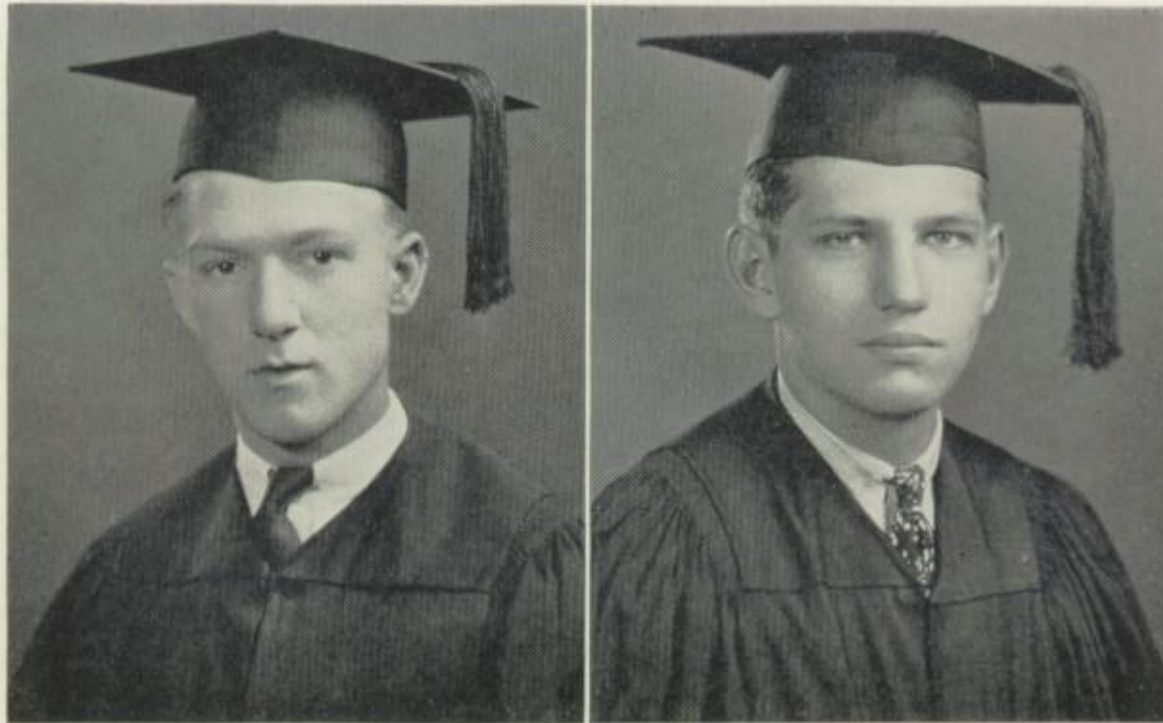
"Mike"

1428 Congoleum Street

Linwood, Pa.

Hobby: Dancing

• One of the four year members of the Class of 1938, Mike and his serious manner have been a familiar sight on the Archmere campus. Though smaller than the average of the class, he has always been in the first bracket of athletes, particularly as a football quarterback and ace shortstop in the baseball nine. Speaking little of himself, yet possessing an aura of quiet confidence, we have no doubt that Mike will easily reach any goal to which he aspires.



JAMES PETER WHELAN

"La Nez"

Boothwyn Road

Boothwyn, Pa.

Hobby: Collecting tropical fish

• La Nez is the affectionate name bestowed on James by his classmates—and only they can use it without incurring the wrath of an usually strong Irish temper. Throughout our four years Nez was "the power behind the throne." When an activity needed incentive, he was there to start the ball rolling. It was this energetic spirit which caused the class to look to him as the leader in all undertakings. In sports he excelled at end in football and in the pitcher's box in baseball.

LEON JOSEPH WOJCIECHOSKI

"Wogie"

2508 W. Third Street

Chester, Pa.

Hobby: Collecting stamps

• Musical talent is one of Wogie's many abilities, even though he is very modest about it. This includes both classical and popular fields. He can play the violin and also sing the latest song hits. A big fellow, he has been for the last two years the sergeant-at-arms for the class of 1938. His scintillating wit has frequently forced the classroom into paroxysms of laughter. On the serious side, his main characteristic is constant determination—a quality which will carry him to success.



Back row: Victor Phillips, Anthony Serpe, Randolph King, John Donovan, John Karpinol.
Front row: William Hanley, Reed Derouin, Father Vanderheiden, Silvio Dignazio, James Noble.

The Post-Graduates

When Archmere's great iron gates opened last September, nine students entered to carry on post-grad studies so as to be better prepared for collegiate work. They were a jovial group and quickly got in step with the Archmere spirit, under the direction of Father Vanderheiden. Serious in studies, active in extra-curricular endeavors, cosmopolitan in viewpoint, the post-graduates will be remembered long by the younger students. The group is made up of:

REED DEROUIN	1446 Jarvis Ave., Chicago, Ill.
SILVIO DIGNAZIO	R. 2, Media, Pa.
JOHN DONOVAN	2939 French St., Philadelphia, Pa.
WILLIAM HANLEY	2305 W. 11th St., Wilmington, Del.
JOHN KARPINOL	47 Maxwell St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
RANDOLPH KING	Overlook Colony, Claymont, Del.
JAMES NOBLE	644 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
VICTOR PHILLIPS	903 W. Third St., Chester, Pa.
ANTHONY SERPE	531 First Ave., Pelham, N. Y.



Back row: Francis Tigani, Raymond Traceski, John Dewson, Stuart Degginger, Frederick Baker, Stanley Gogol, Francis Mullen, Louis Sannini.
Front row: William Nothnagle, Gerald Doherty, Matthew Judge, Father Hurley, Vincent Tigani, Benjamin Price, Eugene White.

Form V

Returning in September, the Juniors found several new faces in their midst, those of Gerald Doherty, Francis Tigani, and Matthew Judge, all of Wilmington, though they also missed several boys who had shared their first two years. At their first meeting under the supervision of Father Hurley, their class adviser, the members elected officers: John Dewson and Vincent Tigani, President and Vice-president respectively, Francis Mullen, Secretary, and Raymond Traceski, Treasurer. The spirit of the class is seen by their representation in outside activities, especially journalism and athletics. The traditional school rings with red stones were selected and purchased after much discussion. As the PATIO goes to press, the class is preparing for the social high-light of the year—the Junior Prom. The committee is made up of Matthew Judge, Vincent Tigani, Benjamin Price, and Eugene White.



Back row: Philip Doherty, John Lynn, Donald Ballantyne, Guy Harmon, Patrick Coyne, Robert Cavanaugh, Paul Riley, Walter Ziegler, James Henry.
Middle row: Edward Zarnoski, Peter Klekotka, Thomas Kilcullen, Joseph Walker, George Davis, Pierre Houdry, Robert Cooper, John O'Brien.
Front row: John Goodbody, Ralph Coughlan, Frederick Neeson, Albert Ewald, Father Diny, Robert Griner, Henry Winchester, Francis Nester, James Reischer.

Form IV

As sophisticated Sophs we returned last Fall, under much different conditions than those which marked our initial entrance into the halls of Archmere. Under Father Diny's direction we selected the class officers: Robert Griner was made President; Albert Ewald, Vice-president; Fred Neeson, Secretary; and Henry Winchester, Treasurer. Throughout the year we have tried to maintain the highest standards in school spirit both in studies and in sports, as the Honor Roll and the team line-ups amply testify. In November we bought class sweaters, thereby making ourselves the envy of the school and starting a fad which will undoubtedly become a tradition. The year has been a very pleasant one and we will strive to make our remaining years at prep school live up to this precedent.



Back row: William Sweeney, Thomas Maloney, Alfredo Trueba, Robert DeCosin, John Mulshenock, Anthony Rosowicz, James Peters, John Henkels, William Campbell, Joseph Gilmartin.
Middle row: Genaro Trueba, Thomas Homer, Charles McGovern, Hurley Darrah, William McDowell, Thomas Barnes, Norman Traceski, John Thomas.
Front row: Daniel Doran, Julius Quattrocchi, John Walsh, Father Hinkes, Kenneth Pfister, William Berl, Gerald Stevenson.

Form III

The Class of 1941 entered the patio on September 14, 1937, to begin their prep school career. They started off on the right foot by attending Holy Mass celebrated by the Very Rev. D. F. Hurley in the Chapel. It took a few weeks to become acclimated to Archmerian customs and to wear off the initiations of the Sophs. A young, inspiring squad of gridiron warriors answered Coach Cabrey's call for a Midget football squad, which played through an undefeated season. Basketball also found them ready for competition. The class is splendidly represented in the Herman Joseph Society, as well as in the other student organizations. They wish to express their gratitude to the Faculty and the upper classmen for a happy year.

ACTIVITIES



THE CHAPEL

"No matter what trouble may burden his soul, or how bruised his heart with sorrow, he will forget self and all things earthly, and his spirit will soar into realms of calm, as he aspires to things great and noble."

Raskob-Green Record Book.



Back row: Louis Sannini, Daniel Doran, Walter Zeigler, Francis Nester, Alfredo Trueba, William Campbell, Julius Quattrocchi.

Middle row: Thomas Barnes, Charles McGovern, Francis Mullen, Stuart Degginger, John Thomas, Hurley Darrah, Norman Traceski, Patrick Coyne.

Front row: Thomas Maloney, James Henry, John Lynn, Father Hinkes, William Nothnagle, Paul Riley, Kenneth Pfister.

The Herman Joseph Society

With the purpose of grouping the altar boys together and placing them under the protection of a patron, Father Hinkes, on February 28th, founded the Blessed Herman Joseph Society at Archmere. At the first meeting of the society, the following were elected to office: President, Charles McGovern; Vice-President, William Nothnagle; Secretary, John Lynn; and Treasurer, Paul Riley.

Blessed Herman Joseph was chosen patron because he is a Norbertine Saint, noted for his angelic purity and piety. Born at Cologne, at an early age he commenced his studies in the Norbertine Abbey at Steinfeld. He died in the year 1241, and in 1626 the process of his canonization was begun. He was the author of the beautiful hymn to the Sacred Heart, "Ad Cor Jesu Salutatio."

Since the society was begun, the boys have realized more and more the great privilege they have of serving at the Holy Sacrifice and at Benediction.



Back row: P. Bishop, C. McGovern, T. Homer, V. DeBerardinis, E. White.

Middle row: J. Thomas, D. Ballantyne, P. Houdry, G. Davis, H. Darrah, K. Pfister.

Front row: J. Lynn, W. Berl, T. Maloney, A. Trueba, G. Trueba, J. Gilmartin, L. Sannini.

The Photography Club

In the early days of November, Mr. John Fleck brought up the idea of forming a club for students interested in taking and developing pictures. This idea was very well received by various students and the club expanded rapidly until now it numbers twenty-three members. During the first semester Mr. Fleck directed the organization, and since his resignation it has been led by a council. The council is composed of Alfredo Trueba, President; Thomas Maloney, Treasurer; and Genaro Trueba, Secretary.

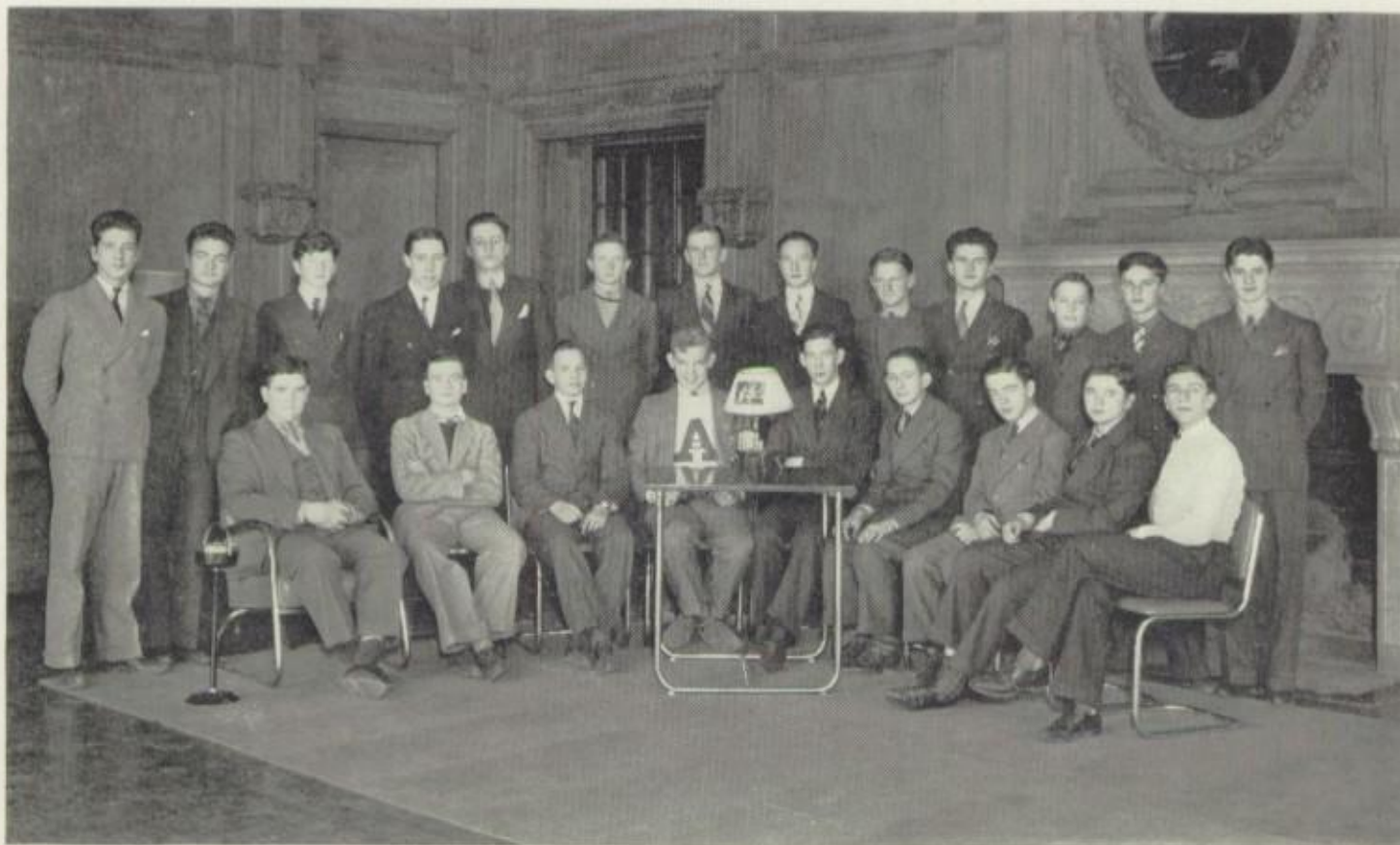
The purpose of the club is to teach every one in it the art of photography, as well as different techniques for developing pictures. The snapshot pages of the PATIO were made up by members of the club. At the present time it possesses a dark room equipped with two printing boxes, one enlarger, a cabinet in which the members can keep their supplies, and a series of tables, trays and incidental articles without which the amateur cannot work proficiently.



Back row: Stuart Degginger, John McSweeney, William Baker, James Houser, Joseph McLaughlin.
Front row: Walter Ziegler, Alfredo Trueba, Robert Cavanaugh, Father Nolan, John Dewson, Joseph Gilmartin, Ralph Coughlan.

The Green Arch

At the first meeting of the Senior Class after the opening of school, William Baker and Joseph McLaughlin were elected Editor and Business Manager, respectively. Soon after this Editor Baker, under the direction of Father Nolan, called the first meeting of all new and old students aspiring to be school journalists. The following received positions on the editorial staff: John Dewson, Features, with Joseph Gilmartin, assistant; Stuart Degginger, News, with Walter Ziegler, Ralph Coughlan, and Robert Cavanaugh, assistants; James Houser, Sports, with John McSweeney, assistant. Alfredo Trueba had charge of the circulation. With the coming of May, as is customary, the Juniors took over the editing of the paper as a preparation for the next year. In their first issue a drive for new subscribers to enable a larger paper was announced.



Standing: Donald Ballantyne, Paul Bishop, John Thomas, Stuart Degginger, Pierre Houdry, Robert Cooper, Robert McGovern, Thomas Homer, Charles McGovern, Thomas Barnes, William Berl, William Sweeney, Robert DeCosin.

Seated: Guy Harmon, Joseph Gilmartin, Genaro Trueba, Robert Griner, William Baker, Alfredo Trueba, William Campbell, John Peters, Louis Sannini.

The Archmere Patio Club

The Archmere Patio Club is the social organization of the boarding students. It unites into one large group the boys of the main building and those of Manor Hall. One of the main purposes of the Club is to welcome new students and make them feel at home as soon as possible.

Father Hurley is the moderator. Early in the year officers were elected: William Baker, President; Robert Griner, Vice-President; Genaro Trueba, Treasurer; and Alfredo Trueba, Secretary. The large convocation hall—formerly the living-room—was assigned as a club headquarters. It has been furnished with modernistic metal furniture by the club.

The Patio Club has held two parties this year—one at Christmas time and the other on St. Joseph's day. A third one is planned for the closing days of the school year.



MRS. JOHN HALEY
President 1936-1937



MRS. MAYBELLE OAKES
President 1937-1938

The Mothers Guild

Once again we wish to pay tribute to the loyal members of the Mothers Guild, who have shown such great interest in the welfare of Archmere and Archmere boys. Mrs. John Haley of Wilmington was very active as president during the 1936-1937 season. At the first meeting this year on October 20th, Mrs. Maybelle Oakes, of Chester, was elected to the presidency. Her efforts in directing the Guild have also been very successful.

Since the PATIO last went to press, the mothers of three students have passed to their eternal reward—Mrs. Albin Traceski of Glenolden, Pa., mother of Raymond and Norman, and Mrs. Benjamin Price of Chester, Pa., mother of Benjamin, Jr.

Besides bringing about a more lively spirit of cooperation between parents, teachers, and students, the Mothers Guild has worked very hard with the Card and Bingo parties—one of which is held in the fall and another in the spring.



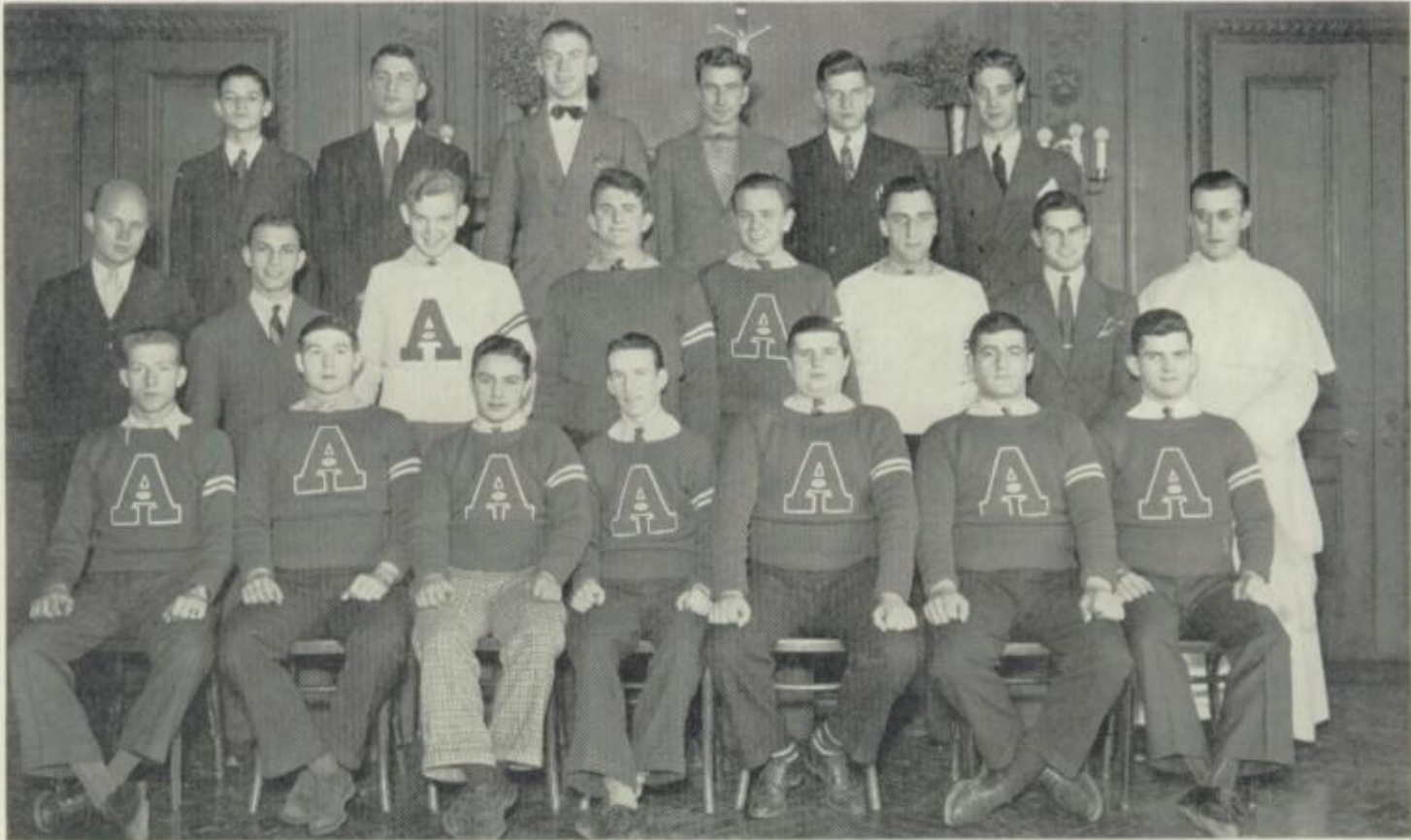
Back row: Charles Darrah, Victor Phillips.

Front row: John Dewson, John McSweeney, Father Nolan, James Noble, James Houser.

The Patio Staff

JOHN MCSWEENEY	Editor
JOHN DEWSON	Business Manager
JAMES NOBLE	Activities
JAMES HOUSER	Sports
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The Varsity Club



Back row: J. Dewson, R. Derouin, R. King, A. Jurich, L. Wojciechoski, V. DeBerardinis.
Middle row: Mr. L. Farmer, V. Tigani, R. Griner, S. Dignazio, J. McCormick, A. Celeste, J. Noble, Father Diny.
Front row: J. Whelan, J. Houser, V. Phillips, M. O'Connor, J. Karpinol, A. Serpe, J. Donovan.

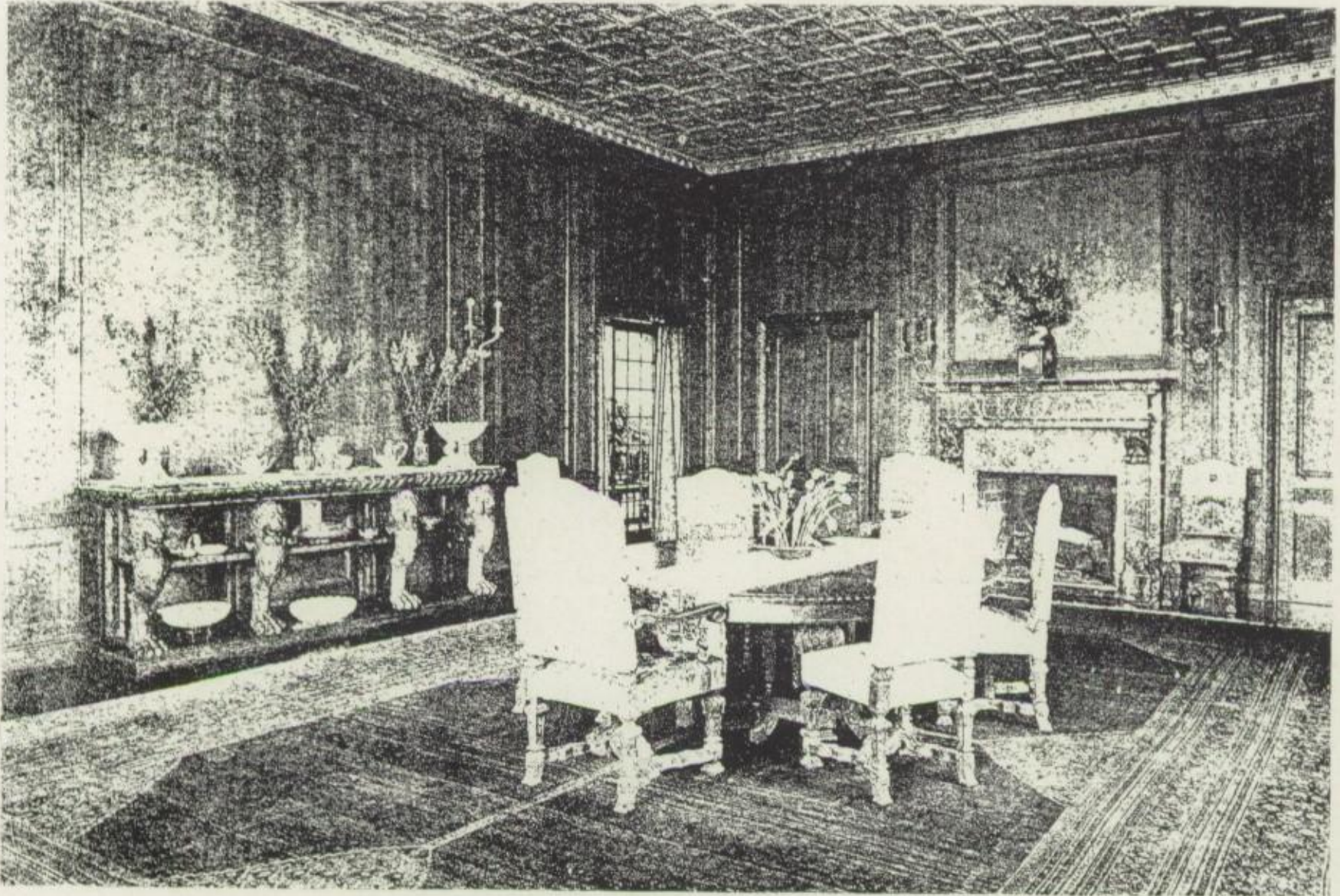


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Back row: Robert McGovern, Joseph McCormick, Leon Wojciechoski, Anthony Celeste, John Karpinol, James Noble.
Middle row: Father Diny, Anthony Serpe, Reed Derouin, John Donovan, Randolph King, Silvio Dignazio, Robert Griner, Coach Farmer.
Front row: Stanley Gogol, James Houser, Vincent Tigani, James Whelan, Victor Phillips, Anthony Jurich.
Foreground: John Dewson and William Nothnagle.

Varsity Football

After a victorious '36 season turned in by Coach Farmer's well drilled gridmen, great things were looked for from the present squad of husky pigskin toters. But the breaks were all for the worse. The injury jinx had a field day and Archmere's fond hopes for a gala season were gone with the wind.

The pre-season line-up shaped into a well balanced line and a fast shifty backfield. Jim Whelan and Randy King were holding down end positions. Whelan was a second year man, while King formerly played for Claymont. Tony Serpe and John Karpinol, both well over two hundred pounds, were stationed at tackle. Both had previous experience. At guard were Joe McCormick and Vic Phillips, the latter a veteran from Chester High. Center seemed well taken care of by Babe Dignazio of Media.

In the backfield, Jimmy Noble, a former star of Easton High, acted as triple threat man and signal caller. At halves were John Donovan and Jim Houser. Donovan was a Camden athlete. Fullback was taken care of by big Reed Derouin, hailing from Green Bay, Wis.

But after the first game, this formidable line-up was never completely intact, and Archmere stumbled through a disastrous season. The record was five and none.

OCTOBER 9. Archmere inaugurated the 1937 season against Allentown Prep. Quick thrusts in the early periods resulted in an 18 to 0 victory for Allentown. Archmere made its best stand in the final period when they held the visitors scoreless and threatened on several occasions to cross the opponents' goal line. Tony Jurich, a replacement for badly injured Jim Noble, and Jim Houser featured during this final Archmere outburst. Serpe was outstanding on defense.

OCTOBER 16. A strong Brown Prep team of gridsters made the journey down from Philadelphia to hand Archmere its second setback. At the half the score stood 9 to 0 in the Brownies' favor, by virtue of a strong, running attack. As the second half started, the Archies seemed to have found their stride, and the Brown team was forced to take to the air. Scoring on a long pass, they carried away the victory, 16 to 0.

OCTOBER 22. Archmere played host to their old rivals, University of Delaware Jay Vees. Although the Green and White outfought and outgained their opponents for three periods, they succumbed to a last period rally and dropped the decision 14 to 7. The first half was nip and tuck. Archmere took the opening kick off for a concerted rush and ended only when a touchdown had been scored. Reed Derouin and Jim Houser carried the ball with Tony Jurich doing the blocking. In the second period Delaware recovered a fumble and converted their chance into a six-pointer. On a blocked kick in the final period, they took the advantage for the points which



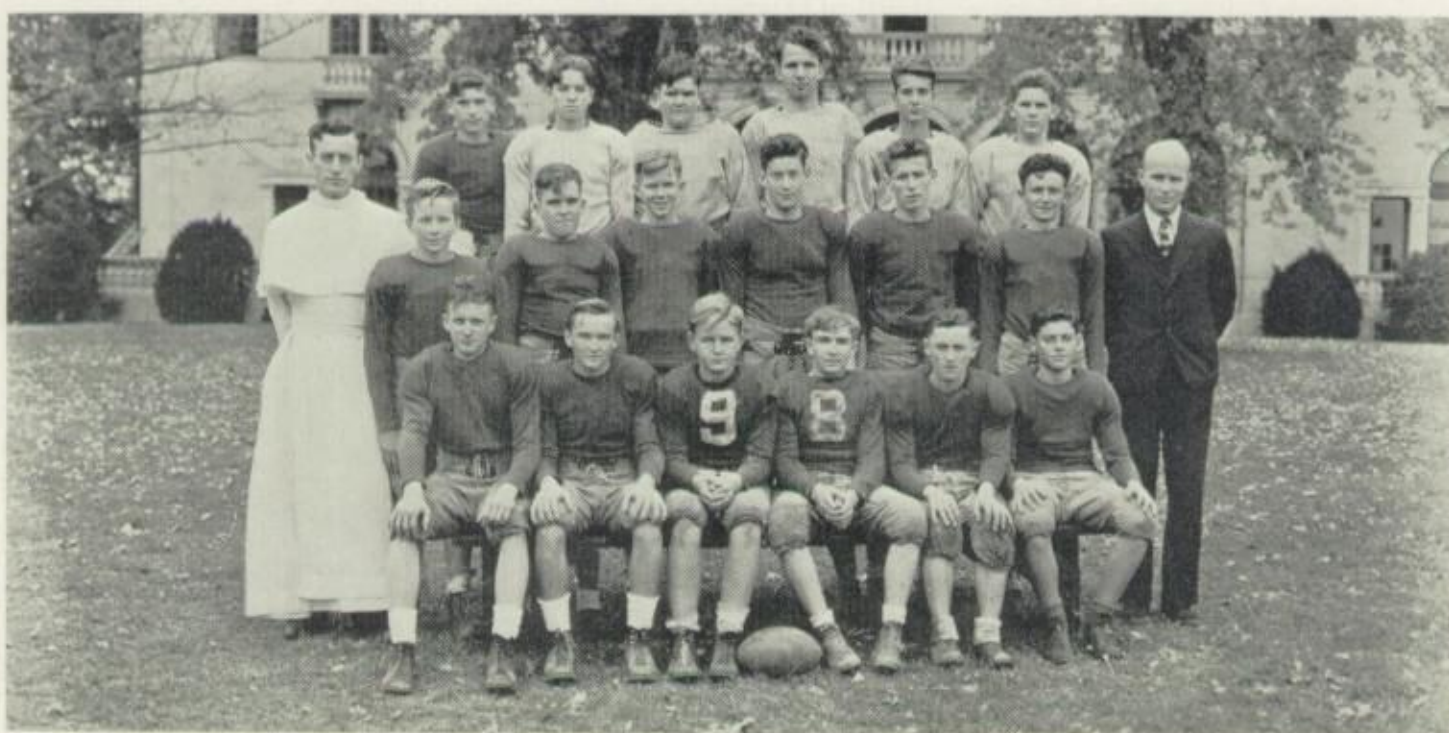
Line: Randolph King, Joseph McCormick, Silvio Dignazio, Victor Phillips, John Karpinol, James Whalen.

Backfield: John Donovan, Anthony Jurich, Reed Derouin, James Houser.

meant the game. On the whole the Archies gave their best performance of the season in this game.

OCTOBER 30. The Archmere team made the trip to Newark, N. J., to take on a powerful St. Benedict's Prep gridiron squad. Although the Archies gave good account of themselves, they ended up on the short side of the 14 to 7 score. In the first period the opponents scored on a long pass to the end zone. Archmere retaliated with a pass to Jim Noble, who ran for a touchdown. The third period was featured by several goal line stands by the Green and White. With five minutes remaining, St. Benedict's scored on a desperate pass for the winning margin.

NOVEMBER 20. Archmere rang down the curtain on the season by bowing to Bordentown Military Institute in a 12 to 0 thriller. They put up a great fight although outweighed by twenty pounds to the man. Time after time the Archies checked the strong Bordentown offense but were seldom in a position to take the ball for gains.



Back row: F. Neeson, R. Traceski, G. Harmon, J. Reischer, D. Ballantyne, E. White.
 Middle row: Father Diny, P. Doherty, A. Ewald, T. Kilcullen, W. Baker, J. Walker, J. Mullaney, Mr. Farmer.
 Front row: F. Mullen, G. Doherty, C. McGovern, J. Goodbody, J. Henry.

Junior Varsity Football Schedule

	Opp.	Arch.		Opp.	Arch.
Ferris Institute	18	0	Warner Junior High	6	7
Warner Junior High	7	7	Tome High School	21	0
Delaware City High	14	0	Bordentown Juniors	13	7
Bayard Junior High	13	6			



Back row: C. McGovern, Father Diny, S. Dignazio, J. Karpinol, V. Tigani, Mr. Farmer, W. Campbell.
Front row: S. Gogol, R. King, J. Noble, A. Celeste, J. Donovan, A. Serpe, R. Griner.

Varsity Basketball

As Coach Farmer surveyed his material for the 37-38 season, he became aware that he would have to build a completely new team, as there were no holdovers from the previous year. The Worth Steel gym, in which practice and home games had heretofore been held, was not available this year. This obstacle was soon overcome when a regulation basket was erected in the patio. From the first practice, as soon as the boys became used to playing with each other, it could easily be seen that Archmere was in for a banner year.

Just to prove that it was a well balanced team the boys ripped into Salesianum on December 13th and came out on top by a score of 17 to 8. What was to be our most effective weapon throughout the entire season, that is, Celeste to Noble, quickly came to the fore in the early minutes and Archmere coasted through to an uncontested victory. Monk King began his habit of taking the rebound from the back-board—a great asset during the season. Donovan, opposite Celeste at guard, and Tigani, Gogol, and Serpe completed the first string.

After this pretentious start, the team was enthused and their morale strengthened. Two days later they made the trip to Philadelphia for a game with the much vaunted Southeast Catholic courtmen. After a thrilling, ding-dong battle the Green and White passers were downed 24 to 21.

The last game before Christmas was with Claymont High. As predicted, the Celeste-Noble combination proved enough to subdue the local rivals. The final score was 29 to 19.

Coming back on January 7th, the courtmen showed their real mettle by downing their traditional rivals, St. Robert's, 27 to 12. The Green whirlwind attack was paced by Jim Noble, who had 13 points for the evening.

On January 20th, the fast stepping Green team defeated Goldey Business College by a 29 to 23 count, although the Archies were forced to stage a rally in the closing half.

Next on the list was Stanfield Boys Club who went down easily, 35 to 23.

Our victory march was suddenly stalled at this point by two defeats, one at the hands of the eastern coast champions, Brown Prep, and the other at the hands of Beacom College. Brown won to the tune of 28 to 19 and Beacom, 23 to 19.

The team resumed their winning ways at the expense of Delaware University Jay Vee's, crushing them 40 to 22. Jim Noble put on a scoring exhibition with 16 points. The Stanfield Club bowed again 33 to 26, an expected repeat.

In the return game with Goldey College, the Archies dropped their fourth tilt of the season, 34 to 24. Our attack was completely stopped, although Tony Celeste maintained his usual good form and accurate goal shooting. The return game with Beacom, toward which the Green and White had long pointed, ended as before, Beacom winning 29 to 24, in an extra period.

February 18th marked the home stretch of the season, and the boys celebrated by polishing off their arch-rivals, St. Robert's, 28 to 17.

Then Brown Prep's powerful combination swept into town and easily crushed the Archmere passers, 45 to 17. Archmere failed to put up the stiff opposition to the champions that it had in the first meeting. Celeste had 6 points to top the Archies' scoring.



Back row: C. McGovern, Mgr., W. Nothnagle, P. Riley, H. Winchester, W. Campbell, Asst. Mgr., Mr. L. Farmer, Coach.

Front row: P. Coyne, G. Doherty, M. Judge, R. Cooper, P. Doherty.

Junior Varsity Basketball Schedule

	Opp.	Arch.		Opp.	Arch.
Southeast Catholic.....	31	13	St. James' High.....	23	17
Claymont High.....	23	25 <	Stanfield.....	46	17
St. Robert's.....	16	14	Mt. Pleasant Junior.....	7	26 <
Warner Junior High.....	24	12	Claymont High.....	25	26
Boy's Club—Wilmington.....	24	11	St. Robert's.....	27	21
Stanfield Boys Club.....	35	8	Bayard Junior.....	18	19 <
Warner Junior High.....	23	28 <	Wilmington Trade School.....	41	29
Bayard Junior High.....	58	28	Claymont High.....	41	36



Back row: Joseph Gilmartin, Mgr., John Goodbody, Victor Phillips, Thomas Kilcullen, Randolph King, John Karpinol, Michael O'Connor, Mr. Len Farmer.

Front row: John McSweeney, Silvio Dignazio, Raymond Traceski, John Donovan, Anthony Celeste, Stanley Gogol, Gerald Doherty, Reed Derouin, James Houser.

Varsity Baseball

Because of an increased schedule for this season, Mr. Farmer has called early practice and has been seeing to it that all candidates get long work-outs. So far, Coach is unable to pick a definite starting team. The large turn-out gives him much material to choose from. Catcher is well taken care of by Tony Celeste. The infielders seeking starting assignments are: Reed Derouin and Stan Gogol at first base; Vic Phillips and Jim Houser at second; Gerald Doherty and Mike O'Connor at shortstop; Jack Donovan, John Goodbody, and Vince Tigani at third. In the outfield are Jack McSweeney, Tom Kilcullen, Babe Dignazio, Monk King, Tony Serpe, and John Karpinol. Ray Traceski and Stan Gogol are also pitchers. From this array, Mr. Farmer looks forward, as the PATIO goes to press, to his most successful season.

Schedule

Delaware U. J Vs.....	April 22	Claymont High.....	May 10
Goldey College.....	April 26	Goldey College.....	May 17
Brown Prep.....	April 29	Brown Prep.....	May 20
Beacom College.....	May 3	Beacom College.....	May 24
Southeast Catholic.....	May 4	Southeast Catholic.....	May 26
Claymont High.....	May 27		



Back row: D. Doran, G. Doherty, V. Phillips, V. DeBerardinis, P. Coyne, G. Davis, J. Houser, J. McSweeney, N. Traceski, J. Henry.

Third row: J. Thomas, J. Whelan, L. Wojciechoski, J. Karpinol, J. Donovan, A. Serpe, A. Celeste, J. Riescher, W. Baker, H. Darrah, F. Nester.

Second row: P. Houdry, R. Cavanaugh, E. Zarnoski, J. Dewson, Mr. J. Cabrey, T. Homer, W. Ziegler, J. O'Brien, G. Harmon.

Front row: F. Neeson, J. McCormick, T. Barnes.

The Bowling League

Just after the mid-year exams a bowling league of eight teams was formed. From the first crack of a bowling ball against the pins until the last one, the competition became hotter and hotter. The teams were captained by Joe McCormick, Jim Houser, John McSweeney, Bill Baker, Jim Henry, Reds Davis, and Johnny Dewson. Only after the last game was it found that the team of McCormick, Fred Neeson, and Tom Barnes has beaten Houser's team by the margin of a mere half game. Jim Houser took down the honors for a high single game tallying a neat 206. As soon as the league schedule was completed the all-school tournament began. Each man was to bowl a total of six games. Not content with being a member of the championship team, Fred Neeson also copped top honors in the individual tournament by the narrowest of margins. Fred had a total of 838 for the six games, an average of 139.4. Three tenths of a point behind was Jim Whelan with a score of 835, an average of 129.1. The closeness of scores caused great competition throughout the season.



Left to Right: James Reischer, Anthony Celeste, Victor DeBerardinis, James Houser, William Hanley, Matthew Judge, Gerald Doherty, Philip Doherty, Mr. John Cabrey, Coach.

Golf

Golf is naturally close to the heart of every boy at Archmere. The sporty nine-hole course around the campus enables the students to enjoy many wholesome hours of recreation. Due to the fact that a schedule with other school teams has been arranged, the annual tournament will get under way earlier than usual. Present plans call for Jim Houser to defend his championship toward the end of April. Some say that he will win the school championship for the third year in a row. Others think that he will very likely be dethroned. Whether or not he will remains to be seen.

The gentlemen in the picture will represent Archmere on the fairways this spring. Matches have been definitely arranged with Chester High School, North Catholic High School of Philadelphia, and St. Robert's High School of Chester. Several others are in the process of arrangement. The three named are on a home and home basis.



Francis Mullen, Robert Griner, Frederick Baker.

Tennis

As the 1938 PATIO goes to the printers the interest in tennis for the present season is just awakening among the student body. The two excellent courts, which the Mothers Guild and the Fathers Club provided, have been conditioned for play and it is expected that they will give many enjoyable hours and much healthy exercise to the students this spring just as they have for the past two years. A schedule of seven games with other schools has been arranged. At this time it is impossible to say who will represent Archmere in these matches. Toward the end of the season an all-school tournament will decide who merits the trophy donated by Mr. Albert Teeter.

Schedule

May 2	Chester High	Here
May 5	Salesianum	Here
May 6	Beacom College	There
May 10	LaSalle High	Here
May 12	Salesianum	There
May 24	LaSalle High	There
June 2	Beacom College	Here

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Archmere Action

1. Ralph Coughlan.
2. Huddle on the practice field.
3. Abbot Pennings visits school.
4. Genaro Trueba.
5. Bill Baker and Irene Gregory at Christmas Dance.
6. Alfredo Trueba, Thomas Homer, Robert Griner, Louis Sannini, Guy Harmon, James Peters.
7. After the battle.
8. Archmere Varsity holds the line.
9. Father Sylvan Murphy, O. M. Cap. Retreat Master.
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1. Delaware U. JV game.
2. Jim Whelan takes a healthy swing at the ball.
3. Catholic Press Exhibit.
4. Colonel stops to pose.
5. Father Hurley waits for an answer.
6. A tense moment under the basket.
7. Guy Harmon ready for the fray.
8. "Let's talk it all over."
9. Top to bottom—Gil-martin, Homer, Celeste, Barnes, Sweeney.
10. The porte-cochere.



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WHELAN: Hang it all, what habit?

O'CONNOR: I never forget a face.

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2. Mr. O'Brien smiles easily.

3. The Tortoise and the Hare.

4. Is this a squirrel?

5. Mat Judge and Charlie McGovern.

6. Jim Noble.

7. Tony Celeste.

8. Henry Winchester and Miss Bonnie Garey.

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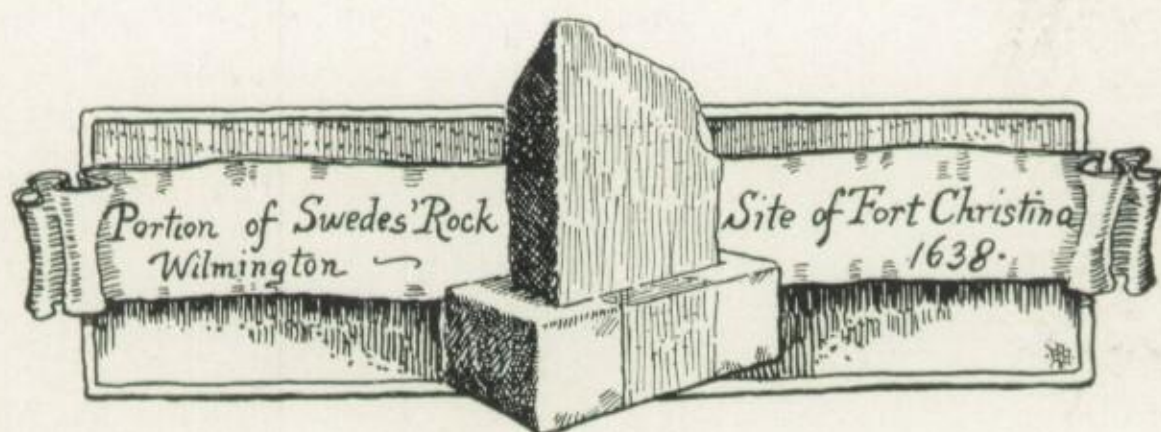
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